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13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
14 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

15 AISHA BOWEN, an individual, on
16 behalf of herself and all others similarly
17 situated

18 Plaintiff,

19 vs.

20 TARGET CORPORATION, a
21 Minnesota corporation; and DOES 1
22 through 50, inclusive,

23 Defendants.

Case No.: 2:16-cv-02587-JGB-MRW

[Assigned to the Honorable
Jesus G. Bernal, Courtroom 1]

CLASS ACTION

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

1. Failure to Provide Required Meal Periods
2. Failure to Provide Required Rest Periods
3. Failure to Pay Overtime Wages
4. Failure to Pay Minimum Wages
5. Failure to Pay All Wages Due to Discharged and Quitting Employees
6. Failure to Maintain Required Records
7. Failure to Furnish Accurate Itemized Wage Statements
8. Failure to Indemnify Employees for Necessary Expenditures Incurred in Discharge of Duties
9. Unfair and Unlawful Business Practices

REPRESENTATIVE ACTION

10. Penalties Under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act, as Representative Action

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Plaintiff AISHA BOWEN (“PLAINTIFF”) an individual, demanding a jury
 2 trial, on behalf of herself and all other persons similarly situated, hereby alleges as
 3 follows:

4 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

5 1. PLAINTIFF originally filed this action in the Superior Court of the
 6 State of California because PLAINTIFF is resident and a citizen of the State of
 7 California, and Defendants TARGET CORPORATION (“TARGET”) and DOES 1
 8 through 50, inclusive (collectively, “DEFENDANTS”) are qualified to do business
 9 in California and regularly conduct business in California. Further, no federal
 10 question is at issue because the claims are based solely on California law.
 11 DEFENDANTS removed this action to the United States District Court for the
 12 Central District of California under the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C.
 13 §§ 1332(d) and 1441(a).

14 2. This action was originally filed in the Superior Court of California for
 15 the County of Los Angeles because PLAINTIFF and other persons similarly
 16 situated performed work for DEFENDANTS in the County of Los Angeles,
 17 DEFENDANTS maintain offices and facilities and transact business in the County
 18 of Los Angeles, and because DEFENDANTS’ illegal payroll policies and practices
 19 which are the subject of this action were applied, at least in part, to PLAINTIFF and
 20 other persons similarly situated in the County of Los Angeles. DEFENDANTS
 21 removed this action to this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d) and 1441(a).

22 **PLAINTIFF**

23 3. PLAINTIFF is a resident and a citizen of the State of California and a
 24 former non-exempt employee of DEFENDANTS. PLAINTIFF was employed by
 25 DEFENDANTS in the County of Los Angeles from approximately September 2008
 26 to May 2015.

27 4. PLAINTIFF, on behalf of herself and other similarly situated current
 28 and former non-exempt employees of DEFENDANTS in the State of California at

1 any time during the four years preceding the filing of this action, and continuing
 2 while this action is pending, brings this class action to recover, among other things,
 3 wages and penalties from unpaid wages earned and due, including but not limited to
 4 unpaid minimum wages, unpaid and illegally calculated overtime compensation,
 5 illegal meal and rest period policies, failure to pay all wages due to discharged and
 6 quitting employees, failure to indemnify employees for necessary expenditures
 7 and/or losses incurred in discharging their duties, failure to provide accurate
 8 itemized wage statements, failure to maintain required records, and interest,
 9 attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses.

10 5. PLAINTIFF brings this action on behalf of herself and the following
 11 similarly situated class of individuals ("CLASS MEMBERS"): all current and
 12 former non-exempt employees of DEFENDANTS in the State of California at
 13 any time within the period beginning four (4) years prior to the filing of this
 14 action and ending at the time this action settles or proceeds to final judgment (the
 15 "CLASS PERIOD"). PLAINTIFF reserves the right to name additional class
 16 representatives.

17 **DEFENDANTS**

18 6. PLAINTIFF is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that
 19 Defendant TARGET is, and at all times relevant hereto was, a Minnesota
 20 corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California.
 21 PLAINTIFF is further informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant
 22 TARGET is authorized to conduct business in the State of California and does
 23 conduct business in the State of California. Specifically, Defendant TARGET
 24 maintains offices and facilities and conducts business in, and engages in illegal
 25 payroll practices or policies in, the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

26 7. The true names and capacities of DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, are
 27 unknown to PLAINTIFF at this time, and PLAINTIFF therefore sues such DOE
 28 Defendants under fictitious names. PLAINTIFF is informed and believes, and

1 thereon alleges, that each Defendant designated as a DOE is in some manner highly
 2 responsible for the occurrences alleged herein, and that PLAINTIFF and CLASS
 3 MEMBERS' injuries and damages, as alleged herein, were proximately caused by
 4 the conduct of such DOE Defendants. PLAINTIFF will seek leave of the court to
 5 amend this Complaint to allege their true names and capacities of such DOE
 6 Defendants when ascertained.

7 8. At all relevant times herein, DEFENDANTS were the joint employers
 8 of PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS. PLAINTIFF is informed and believes,
 9 and thereon allege, that at all times material to this complaint DEFENDANTS were
 10 the alter egos, divisions, affiliates, integrated enterprises, joint employers,
 11 subsidiaries, parents, principals, related entities, co-conspirators, authorized agents,
 12 partners, joint venturers, and/or guarantors, actual or ostensible, of each other.
 13 Each Defendant was completely dominated by his, her or its co-Defendant, and
 14 each was the alter ego of the other.

15 9. At all relevant times herein, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS
 16 were employed by DEFENDANTS under employment agreements that were partly
 17 written, partly oral, and partly implied. In perpetrating the acts and omissions
 18 alleged herein, DEFENDANTS, and each of them, acted pursuant to, and in
 19 furtherance of, their policies and practices of not paying PLAINTIFF and CLASS
 20 MEMBERS all wages earned and due, through methods and schemes which
 21 include, but are not limited to, failing to pay overtime premiums; failing to provide
 22 rest and meal periods; failing to properly maintain records; failing to provide
 23 accurate itemized statements for each pay period; failing to properly compensate
 24 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for necessary expenditures; and requiring,
 25 permitting or suffering the employees to work off the clock, in violation of the
 26 California Labor Code and the applicable Welfare Commission ("IWC") Order.

27 10. PLAINTIFF is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each
 28 and every one of the acts and omissions alleged herein were performed by, and/or

1 attributable to, all DEFENDANTS, each acting as agents and/or employees, and/or
2 under the direction and control of, each of the other DEFENDANTS, and that said
3 acts and failures to act were within the course and scope of said agency,
4 employment and/or direction and control.

5 11. As a direct and proximate result of the unlawful actions of
6 DEFENDANTS, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have suffered, and continue
7 to suffer, from loss of earnings in amounts as yet unascertained, but subject to proof
8 at trial, and within the jurisdiction of this Court.

9 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

10 12. DEFENDANTS sell goods or commodities in retail stores throughout
11 the State of California. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS had a
12 uniform policy and/or practice of requiring PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to
13 communicate with other employees in the retail stores with wireless communication
14 devices, including walkie-talkies. When DEFENDANTS did not have enough
15 walkie-talkies or other communication devices available, DEFENDANTS had a
16 uniform policy and/or practice of requiring PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to
17 use their personal mobile phones for work-related tasks, including communication
18 with other employees in the store for work-related reasons. DEFENDANTS failed
19 to reimburse PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for the expenditures incurred as
20 a result of using their cell phones for work-related purposes.

21 13. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS had a uniform policy
22 and/or practice of requiring PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to travel to other
23 store locations in their personal vehicles to obtain supplies or items that were out of
24 stock or missing from their individual retail locations. DEFENDANTS failed to
25 reimburse PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for the mileage incurred traveling
26 between retail locations for work-related purposes.

27 14. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS had a uniform policy
28 and/or practice of requiring PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to keep their

1 wireless communication devices, including walkie-talkies, on at all times during
2 their shifts, including during meal and rest periods. As a result of this uniform
3 policy and/or practice of requiring PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to remain
4 “on call” during breaks, the meal and rest periods of PLAINTIFF and CLASS
5 MEMBERS were frequently interrupted by supervisors and other employees during
6 the CLASS PERIOD. DEFENDANTS had a uniform policy and/or practice of
7 failing to pay meal and rest period premium payments for workdays on which
8 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS had interrupted meal periods and/or rest
9 periods. Because DEFENDANTS’ uniform policy and/or practice caused
10 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to experience interrupted meal and rest
11 periods, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS were forced to work off the clock
12 and, as a result, were not paid all minimum wages and overtime wages due.

13 15. DEFENDANTS implemented a uniform policy and/or practice of
14 requiring PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to clock out at the end of their
15 respective shifts. However, on non-closing shifts, DEFENDANTS’ uniform
16 policy and/or practice required PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to remain
17 working, including working off the clock if necessary after their scheduled end
18 time, until relieved by another employee or given permission to leave by a
19 supervisor. On workdays when the relieving employee was late, DEFENDANTS’
20 uniform policy and/or practice required PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to
21 work off the clock until relieved by another employee or given permission to leave
22 by a supervisor. As a result of this policy and/or practice, DEFENDANTS failed to
23 pay PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS all minimum wages and overtime wages
24 due.

25 16. As a result of the unlawful policies and practices set forth above,
26 DEFENDANTS provided PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS with inaccurate
27 wage statements, failed to maintain required records, and failed to pay PLAINTIFF
28 and CLASS MEMBERS whose employment terminated or ended all of their final

1 wages.

2 **CLASS ACTION DESIGNATION**

3 17. This action is appropriately suited for a class action because:

4 a. The potential class is a significant number. Joinder of all current
5 and former employees individually would be impractical.

6 b. This action involves common questions of law and fact to the
7 potential class because the action focuses on DEFENDANTS' systematic course of
8 illegal payroll practices and policies, including but not limited to: failure to provide
9 proper meal periods and failing to provide meal period premium payments; failing
10 to provide proper rest periods and failing to provide rest period premium payments;
11 failing to pay for all hours worked including overtime compensation, for hours
12 worked off the clock; failure to reimburse PLAINTIFFS and CLASS MEMBERS
13 for cell phone, mileage, and other expenses incurred in discharging their duties;
14 failing to provide accurate itemized wage statements, failing to pay all wages due to
15 discharged and quitting employees, and failing to maintain required records. These
16 illegal practices and policies were applied to PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS
17 in violation of the Labor Code, the applicable IWC wage order, and the Business
18 and Professions Code which prohibits unfair business practices arising from such
19 violations.

20 c. The claims of PLAINTIFF are typical of the class because
21 DEFENDANTS subjected all non-exempt employees to identical violations of the
22 Labor Code, the applicable IWC wage order, and the Business and Professions
23 Code.

24 d. PLAINTIFF is able to fairly and adequately protect the interests
25 of all members of the class because it is in his best interests to prosecute the claims
26 alleged herein to obtain full compensation due to them for all services rendered and
27 hours worked.

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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Failure to Provide Required Meal Periods

[Cal. Labor Code §§ 226.7, 510, 512, 1194, 1197; IWC Wage Order No. 7-2001, § 11]

(Against all DEFENDANTS)

18. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 17.

19. During the CLASS PERIOD, as part of DEFENDANTS' illegal payroll policies and practices to deprive their non-exempt employees all wages earned and due, DEFENDANTS required, permitted or otherwise suffered PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to take less than the 30-minute meal period, or to work through them, and have failed to otherwise provide the required meal periods to PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS pursuant to California Labor Code § 226.7, 512 and IWC Order No. 7-2001, § 11.

20. DEFENDANTS further violated California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and IWC Wage Order No. 7-2001, § 11 by failing to compensate PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS who were not provided with a meal period, in accordance with the applicable wage order, one additional hour of compensation at each employee's regular rate of pay for each workday that an uninterrupted, 30-minute meal period was not provided.

21. DEFENDANTS further violated California Labor Code §§ 226.7, 510, 1194, 1197, and IWC Wage Order No. 7-2001 by failing to compensate PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for all hours worked during their meal periods.

22. As a proximate result of the aforementioned violations, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have been damaged in an amount according to proof at trial, and seek all wages earned and due, interest, penalties, expenses, and costs of suit.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Failure to Provide Required Rest Periods

[Cal. Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512; IWC Wage Order No. 7-2001, § 12]

(Against all DEFENDANTS)

23. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 22.

24. At all times relevant herein, as part of DEFENDANTS' illegal payroll policies and practices to deprive their non-exempt employees all wages earned and due, DEFENDANTS failed to provide rest periods to PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS as required under California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512, and IWC Wage Order No. 7-2001, § 11.

25. DEFENDANTS further violated California Labor Code § 226.7 and IWC Wage Order No. 7-2001, § 11 by failing to pay PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS who were not provided with a rest period, in accordance with the applicable wage order, one additional hour of compensation at each employee's regular rate of pay for each workday that a rest period was not provided.

26. As a proximate result of the aforementioned violations, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have been damaged in an amount according to proof at trial, and seek all wages earned and due, interest, penalties, expenses, and costs of suit.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Failure to Pay Overtime Wages

[Cal. Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, 1198; IWC Wage Order No. 7-2001, § 3]

(Against all DEFENDANTS)

27. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 26.

28. Pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, and IWC Wage Order No. 7-2001, § 3, DEFENDANTS are required to compensate PLAINTIFF

1 and CLASS MEMBERS for all overtime, which is calculated at one and one-half (1
 2 ½) times the regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours per
 3 day and/or forty (40) hours per week, and for the first eight (8) hours on the seventh
 4 consecutive workday, with double time for all hours worked in excess of twelve
 5 (12) hours in any workday and for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours on
 6 the seventh consecutive day of work in any workweek.

7 29. PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS are current and former non-
 8 exempt employees entitled to the protections of California Labor Code §§ 510,
 9 1194, and IWC Wage Order No. 7-2001. During the CLASS PERIOD,
 10 DEFENDANTS failed to compensate PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for all
 11 overtime hours worked as required under the foregoing provisions of the California
 12 Labor Code and IWC Wage Order by, among other things: failing to pay overtime
 13 at one and one-half (1 ½) or double the regular rate of pay as provided by California
 14 Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, and IWC Wage Order No. 7-2001, § 3; requiring,
 15 permitting or suffering PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to work off the clock;
 16 requiring, permitting or suffering PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to work
 17 through meal and rest breaks; illegally and inaccurately recording time in which
 18 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS worked; failing to properly maintain
 19 PLAINTIFF's and CLASS MEMBERS' records; failing to provide accurate
 20 itemized wage statements to PLAINTIFF for each pay period; and other methods to
 21 be discovered.

22 30. In violation of California law, DEFENDANTS have knowingly and
 23 willfully refused to perform their obligations to compensate PLAINTIFF and
 24 CLASS MEMBERS for all wages earned and all hours worked. As a proximate
 25 result, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have suffered, and continue to suffer,
 26 substantial losses related to the use and enjoyment of such wages, lost interest on
 27 such wages, and expenses and attorneys' fees in seeking to compel DEFENDANTS
 28 to fully perform their obligations under state law, all to their respective damages in

1 amounts according to proof at time of trial, and within the jurisdiction of this Court.

2 31. DEFENDANTS' conduct described herein violates California Labor
3 Code §§ 510, 1194, 1198 and IWC Wage Order No. 7-2001, § 3. Therefore,
4 pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 200, 203, 226, 558, 1194, 1197.1, and other
5 applicable provisions under the California Labor Code and IWC Wage Orders,
6 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS are entitled to recover the unpaid balance of
7 wages owed to them by DEFENDANTS, plus interest, penalties, attorneys' fees,
8 expenses, and costs of suit.

9 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

10 **Failure to Pay Minimum Wages**

11 **[Cal Labor Code §§ 1194, 1197; IWC Wage Order 7-2001, § 4]**

12 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

13 32. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully
14 set forth, the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 31.

15 33. Pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 1194, 1197, and IWC Wage
16 Order No. 7-2001, § 4, payment to an employee of less than the applicable
17 minimum wage for all hours worked in a payroll period is unlawful.

18 34. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS failed to pay
19 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS minimum wages for all hours worked by,
20 among other things: requiring, permitting or suffering PLAINTIFF and CLASS
21 MEMBERS to work off the clock; requiring, permitting or suffering PLAINTIFF
22 and CLASS MEMBERS to work through meal and rest breaks; illegally and
23 inaccurately recording time in which PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS
24 worked; failing to properly maintain PLAINTIFF's and CLASS MEMBERS'
25 records; failing to provide accurate itemized wage statements to PLAINTIFF and
26 CLASS MEMBERS for each pay period; and other methods to be discovered.

27 35. DEFENDANTS' conduct described herein violates California Labor
28 Code §§ 1194, 1197, and IWC Wage Order No. 7-2001, § 4. As a proximate result

1 of the aforementioned violations, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have been
 2 damaged in an amount according to proof at trial. Therefore, pursuant to California
 3 Labor Code §§ 200, 203, 226, 558, 1194, 1197.1, and other applicable provisions
 4 under the Labor Code and IWC Wage Orders, PLAINTIFF and CLASS
 5 MEMBERS are entitled to recover the unpaid balance of wages owed to them by
 6 DEFENDANTS, plus interest, penalties, attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs of suit.

7 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

8 **Failure to Pay All Wages Due to Discharged and Quitting Employees**

9 **[Cal. Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203]**

10 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

11 36. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully
 12 set forth, the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 35.

13 37. Pursuant to California Labor Code § 201, 202, and 203,
 14 DEFENDANTS are required to pay all earned and unpaid wages to an employee
 15 who is discharged. California Labor Code § 201 mandates that if an employer
 16 discharges an employee, the employee's wages accrued and unpaid at the time of
 17 discharge are due and payable immediately.

18 38. Furthermore, pursuant to California Labor Code § 202,
 19 DEFENDANTS are required to pay all accrued wages due to an employee no later
 20 than 72 hours after the employee quits his or her employment, unless the employee
 21 provided 72 hours previous notice of his or her intention to quit, in which case the
 22 employee is entitled to his or wages at the time of quitting.

23 39. California Labor Code § 203 provides that if an employer willfully
 24 fails to pay, in accordance with California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202, any wages
 25 of an employee who is discharged or who quits, the employer is liable for waiting
 26 time penalties in the form of continued compensation to the employee at the same
 27 rate for up to 30 workdays.

28 40. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS have willfully failed to

1 pay accrued wages and other compensation to PLAINTIFF and CLASS
2 MEMBERS in accordance with California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202.

3 41. As a result, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS are entitled to all
4 available statutory penalties, including the waiting time penalties provided in
5 California Labor Code § 203, together with interest thereon, as well as other
6 available remedies.

7 42. As a proximate result of DEFENDANTS' unlawful actions and
8 omissions, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have been deprived of
9 compensation in an amount according to proof at the time of trial, but in excess of
10 the jurisdiction of this Court, and are entitled to recovery of such amounts, plus
11 interest thereon, and attorneys' fees and costs, pursuant to California Labor Code
12 §§ 1194 and 2699.

13 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

14 **Failure to Maintain Required Records**

15 **[Cal. Labor Code §§ 226; IWC Wage Order No. 7-2001, § 7]**

16 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

17 43. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully
18 set forth, the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 42.

19 44. During the CLASS PERIOD, as part of DEFENDANTS' illegal
20 payroll policies and practices to deprive PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS of
21 all wages earned and due, DEFENDANTS knowingly and intentionally failed to
22 maintain records as required under California Labor Code §§ 226, 1174, and IWC
23 Wage Order No. 7-2001, § 7, including but not limited to the following records:
24 total daily hours worked by each employee; applicable rates of pay; all deductions;
25 meal periods; time records showing when each employee begins and ends each
26 work period; and accurate itemized statements.

27 45. As a proximate result of DEFENDANTS' unlawful actions and
28 omissions, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have been damaged in an amount

1 according to proof at trial, and are entitled to all wages earned and due, plus interest
 2 thereon. Additionally, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS are entitled to all
 3 available statutory penalties, including but not limited to civil penalties pursuant to
 4 California Labor Code §§ 226(e), 226.3, and 1174.5, and an award of costs,
 5 expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees, including but not limited to those
 6 provided in California Labor Code § 226(e), as well as other available remedies.

7 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

8 **Failure to Furnish Accurate Itemized Wage Statements**

9 **[Cal. Labor Code §§ 226, 1174; IWC Wage Order No. 7-2001, § 7]**

10 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

11 46. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully
 12 set forth, the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 45.

13 47. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS routinely failed to
 14 provide PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS with timely, accurate, and itemized
 15 wage statements in writing showing each employee's gross wages earned, total
 16 hours worked, all deductions made, net wages earned, the inclusive dates of the
 17 period for which the employee is paid, the name and address of the legal entity or
 18 entities employing PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS, and all applicable hourly
 19 rates in effect during each pay period and the corresponding number of hours
 20 worked at each hourly rate, in violation of California Labor Code § 226 and IWC
 21 Wage Order No. 7-2001, § 7.

22 48. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS knowingly and
 23 intentionally failed to provide PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS with timely,
 24 accurate, and itemized wage statements in accordance with California Labor Code §
 25 226(a).

26 49. As a proximate result of DEFENDANTS' unlawful actions and
 27 omissions, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have been damaged in an amount
 28 according to proof at trial, and seek all wages earned and due, plus interest thereon.

1 Additionally, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS are entitled to all available
 2 statutory penalties, including but not limited to civil penalties pursuant to California
 3 Labor Code §§ 226(e), 226.3, and 1174.5, and an award of costs, expenses, and
 4 reasonable attorneys' fees, including but not limited to those provided in California
 5 Labor Code § 226(e), as well as other available remedies.

6 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

7 **Failure to Indemnify Employees for Necessary Expenditures Incurred in** 8 **Discharge of Duties**

9 **[Cal. Labor Code § 2802]**

10 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

11 50. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully
 12 set forth, the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 49.

13 51. California Labor Code § 2802(a) requires an employer to indemnify an
 14 employee for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in
 15 direct consequence of the discharge of her his or her duties, or of his or her
 16 obedience to the directions of the employer.

17 52. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS knowingly and willfully
 18 failed to indemnify PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for all business expenses
 19 and/or losses incurred in direct consequence of the discharge of their duties while
 20 working under the direction of DEFENDANTS, including but not limited to
 21 expenses for cell phone usage, mileage, and other employment-related expenses, in
 22 violation of California Labor Code § 2802.

23 53. As a proximate result of DEFENDANTS' unlawful actions and
 24 omissions, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have been damaged in an amount
 25 according to proof at trial, and seek reimbursement of all necessary expenditures,
 26 plus interest thereon pursuant to California Labor Code § 2802(b). Additionally,
 27 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS are entitled to all available statutory penalties
 28 and an award of costs, expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees, including those

provided in California Labor Code § 2802(c), as well as other available remedies.

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Unfair and Unlawful Business Practices

[Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200 et. seq.]

(Against all DEFENDANTS)

54. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 53.

55. Each and every one of DEFENDANTS' acts and omissions in violation of the California Labor Code and/or the applicable IWC Wage Order as alleged herein, including but not limited to DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to provide required meal periods, DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to provide required rest periods, DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to pay overtime compensation, DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to pay minimum wages, DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to pay all wages due to discharged or quitting employees, DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to furnish accurate itemized wage statements; DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to maintain required records, DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to indemnify PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for necessary expenditures and/or losses incurring in discharging their duties, constitutes an unfair and unlawful business practice under California Business and Professions Code § 17200 et seq.

56. DEFENDANTS' violations of California wage and hour laws constitute a business practice because DEFENDANTS' aforementioned acts and omissions were done repeatedly over a significant period of time, and in a systematic manner, to the detriment of PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS.

57. DEFENDANTS have avoided payment of wages, overtime wages, meal periods, rest periods, and other benefits as required by the California Labor Code, the California Code of Regulations, and the applicable IWC Wage Order. Further, DEFENDANTS have failed to record, report, and pay the correct sums of

1 assessment to the state authorities under the California Labor Code and other
2 applicable regulations.

3 58. As a result of DEFENDANTS' unfair and unlawful business practices,
4 DEFENDANTS have reaped unfair and illegal profits during the CLASS PERIOD
5 at the expense of PLAINTIFF, CLASS MEMBERS, and members of the public.
6 DEFENDANTS should be made to disgorge their ill-gotten gains and to restore
7 them to PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS.

8 59. DEFENDANTS' unfair and unlawful business practices entitle
9 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to seek preliminary and permanent injunctive
10 relief, including but not limited to orders that DEFENDANTS account for,
11 disgorge, and restore to PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS the wages and other
12 compensation unlawfully withheld from them. PLAINTIFF and CLASS
13 MEMBERS are entitled to restitution of all monies to be disgorged from
14 DEFENDANTS in an amount according to proof at the time of trial, but in excess
15 of the jurisdiction of this Court.

16 **TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

17 **Representative Action for Civil Penalties**

18 **[Cal. Labor Code §§ 2698–2699.5]**

19 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

20 60. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference as though fully
21 set forth the allegations in all preceding paragraphs, with exception of the
22 allegations in paragraph 17 and the subparagraphs thereto.

23 61. PLAINTIFF is an “aggrieved employee” within the meaning of
24 California Labor Code § 2699(c), and a proper representative to bring a civil action
25 on behalf of himself and other current and former non-exempt employees of
26 DEFENDANTS pursuant to the procedures specified in California Labor Code
27 § 2699.3, because PLAINTIFF was employed by DEFENDANTS and the alleged
28 violations of the California Labor Code were committed against PLAINTIFF and

1 other aggrieved employees of DEFENDANTS.

2 62. Pursuant to the California Private Attorneys General Act of 2004
3 (“PAGA”), Labor Code §§ 2698–2699.5, PLAINTIFF, on behalf of herself and all
4 other similarly aggrieved employees, seeks to recover civil penalties, including but
5 not limited to penalties under California Labor Code §§ 2699, 210, 226.3, 558,
6 1174.5, 1197.1, and IWC Wage Order No. 7-2001, § 20, from DEFENDANTS in a
7 representative action for the violations set forth above, including but not limited to
8 violations of California Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 204, 226, 226.7, 510, 512,
9 1174, 1194, 1197, 1198, and 2802. PLAINTIFF is also entitled to an award of
10 reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs pursuant to California Labor Code
11 § 2699(g)(1).

12 63. Pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 2699.3, PLAINTIFF gave
13 written notice by certified mail on October 29, 2015 to the California Labor and
14 Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) and DEFENDANTS of the specific
15 provisions of the California Labor Code and IWC Wage Order alleged to have been
16 violated, including the facts and theories to support the alleged violations. Within
17 thirty-three (33) calendar of the October 29, 2015 postmark date of PLAINTIFF’s
18 notice letter, the LWDA did not provide notice to PLAINTIFFS that it intends to
19 investigate the alleged violations.

20 64. Therefore, PLAINTIFF has complied with all of the requirements set
21 forth in California Labor Code § 2699.3 to commence a representative action under
22 PAGA.

23 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

24 **WHEREFORE**, PLAINTIFF, individually and on behalf of all other persons
25 similarly situated, respectfully prays for relief against DEFENDANTS as follows:

- 26 1. For compensatory damages in an amount to be ascertained at trial;
- 27 2. For restitution of all monies due to PLAINTIFF and CLASS
- 28 MEMBERS, as well as disgorged profits from DEFENDANTS’ unfair and

1 unlawful business practices;

2 3. For meal and rest period compensation pursuant to California Labor
3 Code § 226.7 and IWC Wage Order No. 7-2001;

4 4. For liquidated damages pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 1194.2
5 and 1197.1;

6 5. For preliminary and permanent injunctive relief enjoining
7 DEFENDANTS from violating the relevant provisions of the California Labor
8 Code and the IWC Wage Orders, and from engaging in the unlawful business
9 practices complained of herein;

10 6. For waiting time penalties pursuant to California Labor Code § 203;

11 7. For statutory and civil penalties according to proof, including but not
12 limited to all penalties authorized by the California Labor Code §§ 226(e) and
13 §§ 2698–2699.5;

14 8. For interest on the unpaid wages at 10% per annum pursuant to
15 California Labor Code §§ 218.6, 1194, 2802, California Civil Code §§ 3287, 3288,
16 and/or any other applicable provision providing for pre-judgment interest;

17 9. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Labor
18 Code §§ 218.5, 1194, 2699, 2802, California Civil Code § 1021.5, and any other
19 applicable provisions providing for attorneys' fees and costs;

20 10. For declaratory relief;

21 11. For an order requiring and certifying the First, Second, Third, Fourth,
22 Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Causes of Action as a class action;

23 12. For an order appointing PLAINTIFF as class representative, and
24 PLAINTIFF's counsel as class counsel; and

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13. For such further relief that the Court may deem just and proper.

DATED: May 20, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

PLAINTIFF hereby demands a jury trial with respect to all issues triable of
right by jury.

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